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The Medina Message

A bi-monthly publication from the City of Medina

Repair Your Stuff at a Fix-It Clinic

Get free, guided assistance on disassembling, troubleshooting and fixing your broken household items at an upcoming Hennepin County Fix-It Clinic.

Clinics are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

- ▶ Saturday, June 14, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Ridgedale Library in Minnetonka
- ▶ Saturday, August 9, noon to 4 p.m. at the Oxboro Library in Bloomington



Volunteer fixers are essential to making the clinics successful. If you have skills in electrical, mechanical or electronic repair, wood working, sewing or general tinkering, consider volunteering!

For more information or to volunteer, contact Nancy Lo at nancy.lo@hennepin.us or call 612-348-9195.

CITY HALL

2052 County Road 24
Medina, MN 55340
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f: 763-473-9359
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City Hall Office Hours
Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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Mayor

Elizabeth Weir 763-473-3226

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Jeff Pederson 612-916-6448
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Kathleen Martin 612-344-1111

City Council Meetings

First & third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings

Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Park Commission Meetings

Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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Municipal Elections—Filing for Local Office

The City of Medina will have four positions on the ballot during the November General Election. The Mayor (2 year term), two City Council (4 year terms) and one City Council (2 year term) positions are at-large positions, representing all Medina residents.

Persons interested in running for these offices may file at City Hall. The filing period begins on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2014.

Candidate Forum—Save the Date

The League of Women Voters Wayzata/Plymouth Area is sponsoring a Medina Candidate Forum on Monday, October 13, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Hamel Community Building, 3200 Mill Drive. All residents are welcome to attend this event.

City Seeks Election Judges

The City is seeking election judges for the 2014 State Primary on Tuesday, August 12th; and for the 2014 General Election on Tuesday, November 4th. Election judges are paid positions that supervise and help with elections at the polls.

If you are interested in serving as an election judge, please fill out an application and mail it back to City Hall by June 13, 2014. Election judge applications can be found on the city website at <http://medinamn.us/citygov/elections/> or call City Hall. Questions can be directed to Election Coordinator Jodi Gallup at 763-473-8850 or email jodi.gallup@ci.medina.mn.us.

City Calendar

June

- 3rd Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 10th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 17th Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 17th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 18th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm

July

- 1st Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 4th Fri—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 8th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 15th Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 15th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 16th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm

All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise noted.
Meeting agendas on website when available.

Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Report

The 2013 Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Report can be seen in its entirety on the City website at: <http://medinamn.us/svcs/utilities-services/consumer-confidence-drinking-water-report/>. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please call Medina City Hall at 763-473-4643.

City Council Agendas and Minutes Email Notifications



Stay informed on what is happening at upcoming City Council meetings. The City emails copies of Council agendas and minutes at no cost to residents. If you would like to be added to the regular email notification list, email jodi.gallup@ci.medina.mn.us to sign up.

Summer City Council Saturday Office Hours Suspended

City Council Saturday Office Hours will experience a summer break during the months of June, July, and August. They will reconvene in September through the end of the year on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at City Hall. Please check the City's website for scheduling confirmation/cancellation.

Planning & Business

Land Use Applications Under Review

The following land use and development projects are currently under review by the City. For more information on one of the projects, or for an update on the review schedule, please contact the Planning Department at (763) 473-4643, ext. 1.

Dominium – 32 affordable rental townhomes – 510 Clydesdale Trail

Dominium has requested review of a PUD General Plan and plat for the construction of 32 affordable rental townhomes on approximately 4 acres of vacant property north of Clydesdale Trail and east of County Road 116. The Planning Commission held a public hearing at the April 8 meeting and unanimously recommended approval. The City Council is scheduled to review at the June 3 meeting.

Loram Site Plan Review and Variance – 3900 Arrowhead Drive

Loram has requested approval of a site plan review for the construction of a 4000 square foot storage building and an expansion of their existing parking lot. The applicant has also requested a variance to allow more than 10% of the building perimeter to be occupied by loading dock. The Planning Commission is scheduled to hold a public hearing and review the matter at the May 13 meeting.

Wakefield subdivision – 3385 County Road 24

Wakefield Family Trust has requested approval of a rural subdivision of three lots on 74 acres at the southeast corner of County Road 24 and Homestead Trail. The City has requested additional information in order to review the request. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the application when it is complete for review. Contact the Planning Department for more information.

Property Resources Development Company – Comprehensive Plan Amendment and PUD Concept Plan

The applicant has requested a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to change the future land use of approximately 90 acres from Rural Residential to Low Density Residential (LDR). The property is located east of Homestead Trail and southwest of Deerhill Road. The LDR land use allows development with a net density of 2.0-3.5 units per acre on City sewer/water. The applicant has also submitted a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Concept Plan for the development of 99 single family homes. The applicant has requested that the City indefinitely delay review. The request will be scheduled for a public hearing at the Planning Commission when the applicant wishes to proceed.



Free One-on-One Technical Assistance for Small Business Owners and Entrepreneurs

Are you thinking about starting your own business or are you currently operating a small business and interested in FREE technical assistance?

Medina has partnered with the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD) to offer the “Open to Business” program. This program provides FREE one-on-one assistance from MCCD’s expert staff, customized to meet the specific needs of each entrepreneur. This can include creating a business plan, suggestions on financial management and bookkeeping practices, assisting with marketing, and referrals for financing. MCCD also administers a small business loan fund which provides capital to expand local businesses.

For more information or to schedule a session, please contact Rob Smolund from MCCD at rsmolund@mccdmn.org or (612) 789-7337 ext. 260. More information is available on the City’s website: <http://medinamn.us/opentobusiness>.

Public Safety & Community

Computer Tech Phone Scam

The Medina Police Department has received calls regarding a new potential phone scam. This scam involves a scammer, identifying himself/herself as tech support from Microsoft Corporation or another large computer company, calling the potential victim and confusing this victim with an array of technical terms. The scammer will also use scare tactics claiming they have detected viruses or malware on the victim’s computer. Some tactics used by the scammers include asking victims to give them remote access to their computer. They will make changes to the settings that leave the victim’s computer vulnerable. It has also been reported the scammer will enroll the victim in a worthless computer maintenance or warranty program not needed by the victim.

If you receive a call from someone who claims to be a tech support person, hang up and call the company yourself on a phone number you know to be genuine for the company involved.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact the Medina Police Department at 763-473-9209.

2013 Annual Report Summary

The City’s annual report provides an overview of the City’s activities, accomplishments, and fiscal responsibility for 2013. The report outlines activity for each of the city departments including administration, planning, public works, and police as well as statistics and charts demonstrating trend history. This is the seventh year a comprehensive annual report has been completed.

The theme for 2013, “Medina Grows While Preserving its Rural Past” reflects the recent suburban growth in the City’s northeast and the rural districts to its west and south. In compliance with our 2030 Comprehensive Plan, growth has long been planned in the area where sewer services enter Medina in Hamel. The Great Recession slowed growth but, with an improving economy, some 650 new single-family homes are in the process of development.

This report also includes a year in retrospect section which provides a snap-shot of the important events and projects completed in 2013, a preview of the 2014 Goals, a section dedicated to recognizing our contributors, and finally a section recognizing our service providers, elected officials, appointed representatives, and staff.

Residents and business owners are highly encouraged to review the report on Medina’s website at <http://medinamn.us/citygov/history-vision/>.

Metro Blooms Presents: Rain Gardens and Beyond: Healthy Yards, Clean Water

You can help keep our lakes, rivers and streams clean by the simple changes you make in your yard care choices. These workshops explore the latest in healthy yard care practices, including proper use of fertilizers, disposal and reuse of yard waste, keeping sidewalks ice free and managing runoff onsite. The workshop is designed to move participants quickly from an overview of healthy yard care practices to a completed rain garden design for their property with one-on-one assistance from Metro Blooms landscape designers and Hennepin County Master Gardeners.

Register now. Some locations fill up fast. The \$10-15 workshops will be offered from March through June 2014. To view the schedule and to register for a workshop, visit metroblooms.org or call 651-699-2426.

City Business Profile: 9Round

9Round is a 30 minute full body kickboxing workout center that uses 9 rounds of a circuit training format to train every inch of your body. 9Round opened in Medina in the Clydesdale Marketplace by Target in December 2013.

The motto is “Get fit, not hit” so there is no contact, it uses kickboxing moves for fitness training.

There are no class times, so come in whenever you can, and in 30 minutes you will be finished! The workout changes every day, so there is always a trainer to guide you through the workout and motivate you. Best of all the 1st workout is free, so you can try it out to see for yourself just how efficient this workout is.

Check them out on Facebook @ 9round Medina for information and videos, or at 9round.com/medina-MN.



Night to Unite Tuesday, August 5th

Neighborhoods throughout Medina are invited to join the Medina Police Department, along with thousands of communities nationwide, to participate in the Night to Unite celebration on Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Medina Police officers, firefighters and City Council members will stop by and participate in neighborhood parties throughout the city!



This is an opportunity to get to know your neighbors, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations, let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and willing to assist the police, and generate support and participation in crime prevention efforts.

Night to Unite get-togethers can be as extravagant as a cookout, or as simple as an ice cream social.

Please call the police department at (763)-473-9209 by July 28th with your party plans and times. We will arrange a visit from the police and fire department to come out and join your party!

German Liberal Cemetery Memorial Day Service

A Memorial Day service is held each year at the German Liberal Cemetery, 2695 Hamel Road, on Memorial Day at 11:40 a.m. with the color guard of the Hamel American Legion participating. All are welcome to attend.





Town Hall Meetings on Affordable Housing Neighborhood Proposed for Medina May 28th & May 29th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Please attend one of the Town Hall meetings at Medina City Hall, 2052 County Road 24, on May 28th or May 29th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to share your thoughts and ask questions regarding the proposed affordable housing.

In its Comprehensive Plan, consistent with Metropolitan Council requirements, the City of Medina has committed to accommodating affordable housing units.

Medina has been home to a small number of rental opportunities for decades. Now, Medina has the good fortune to work with Dominion, a quality developer, to bring in 32 attractive, well-built townhomes on land immediately behind the Medina Entertainment Center on Clydesdale Trail. This site is part of Medina’s Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District, which was created to support redevelopment within the Hamel area. TIF financing was utilized to support a portion of the cost of the commercial development to the east of the site and also a portion of the street and utility improvements in Uptown Hamel. The City Council is considering whether to support a portion of the Dominion project cost as well. The project will return dollars to the TIF District and, in due course, to the City tax base.

Dominium is a Minneapolis-based and nationally respected company that specializes in building and managing rental property. Neighboring cities report that Dominion affordable housing fits into their communities well. The company is partnering with Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners (IOCP). Established in 1979, IOCP has an exemplary record in providing support for families who are working to reestablish lives disrupted by job loss, illness and other issues.



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Affordable Housing Comment Card

Please use this cut-out card to jot down your ideas for submission to the Council at a Town Hall meeting. If you cannot attend, please submit comments by mail to Medina City Hall, 2052 County Road 24, Medina, MN 55340 or via email to city@ci.medina.mn.us by May 29th.

Dear Medina City Council:

Please find my thoughts and questions regarding the affordable housing proposed for Medina:

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The townhomes will provide rental housing for families making 60 percent of Area Median Income (\$49,740 for a family of four) and below. Four of the 32 units will be dedicated to families who have lacked permanent housing for over a year. Typically, these families are single mothers with children, who have left difficult relationships.

IOCP selects these four families, mostly from our western suburban area, and supports them with counseling, access to medical care, transport and education. The goal for these families is to achieve stability, to have their children enrolled in school and to work toward self-sufficiency.

The City Council invites you to attend Town Hall meetings at City Hall, 2052 County Road 24 on Wednesday, May 28th, or Thursday, May 29th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please come prepared to share your thoughts and questions.

See the website at <http://medinamn.us/proposed-affordable-housing/> for more information. The City Council looks forward to receiving your comments.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Weir
Mayor



Affordable Housing Comment Card – Backside

I would like a response by:

Telephone E-mail No Response Necessary

Name (optional): _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Tel. No: _____

You may use my name regarding this issue Please keep my name private